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On 25 June 1953, the secret office at the Sanar-Gasgeraetewerk in Dessau was dissolved. Most of the employees were dismissed prior to 4 July 1953 and were notified that all aircraft and aircraft engine production would be cancelled. Construction work on the Dessau airfield was stopped almost completely by 4 July 1953.

Plans to produce aircraft at various Dessau factories were cancelled. Only few persons were still engaged in winding-up work, after most of the personnel had been taken over by VEB plants.

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Comment. Information of cancellation, on short notice, of all work connected with the building up of an air armament industry in East Germany was contained in a previous report.

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However, one of the engineers involved was transferred from Materialamt Pirna to VEB Sanar at Dessau.

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It was previously reported that the cancellation of research orders for armament purposes ordered on 11 June 1953, was withdrawn on 2 July 1953. The decision on the armament projects, consequently, is not yet definitive.

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